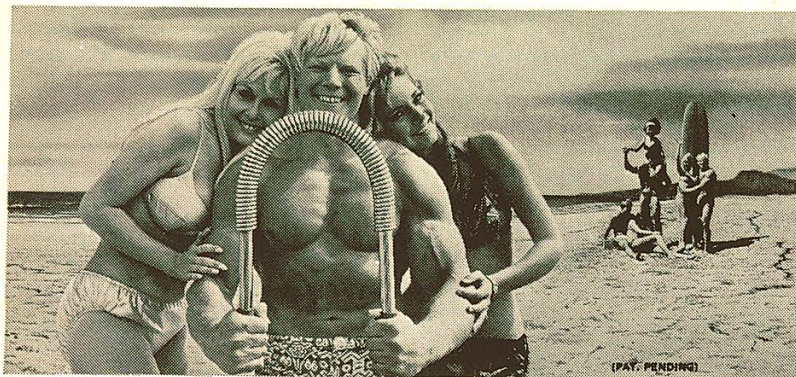




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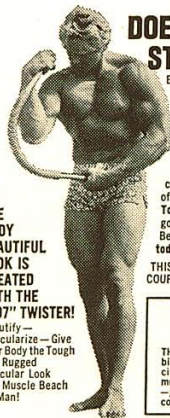
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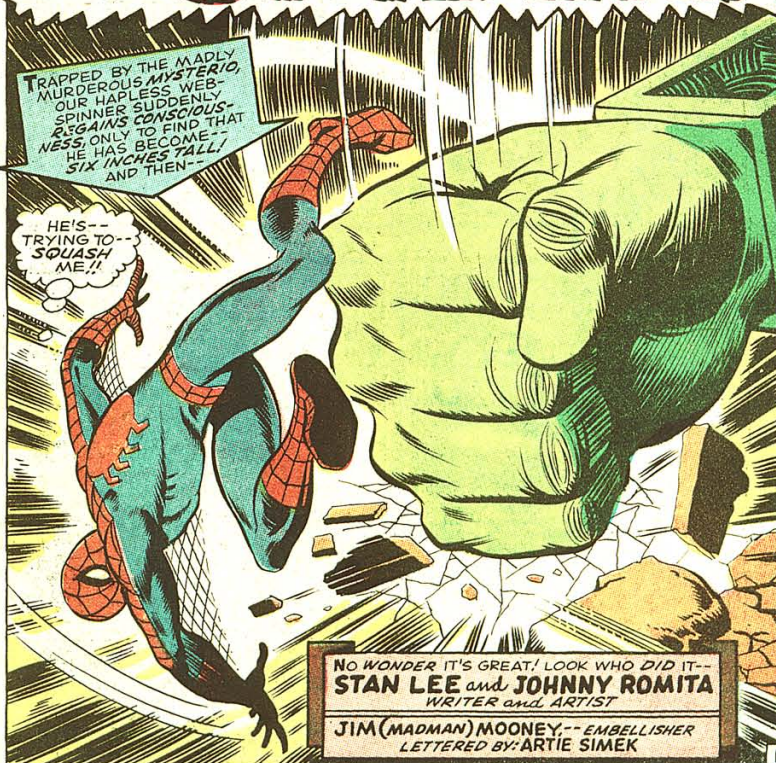
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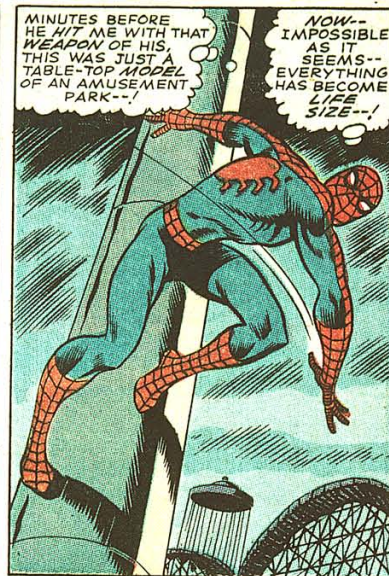
HOW DID IT
HAPPEN?? HOW
DID HE MAKE
ME SO SMALL??

THOOM!!



BEWILDERED,
SPIDER-MAN??
GOOD!

--THAT'S
JUST THE
WAY I
PLANNED
IT!



MINUTES BEFORE
HE HIT ME WITH THAT
WEAPON OF HIS,
THIS WAS JUST A
TABLE-TOP MODEL
OF AN AMUSEMENT
PARK--!

NOW--
IMPOSSIBLE
AS IT
SEEMS--
EVERYTHING
HAS BECOME
LIFE-
SIZE--!

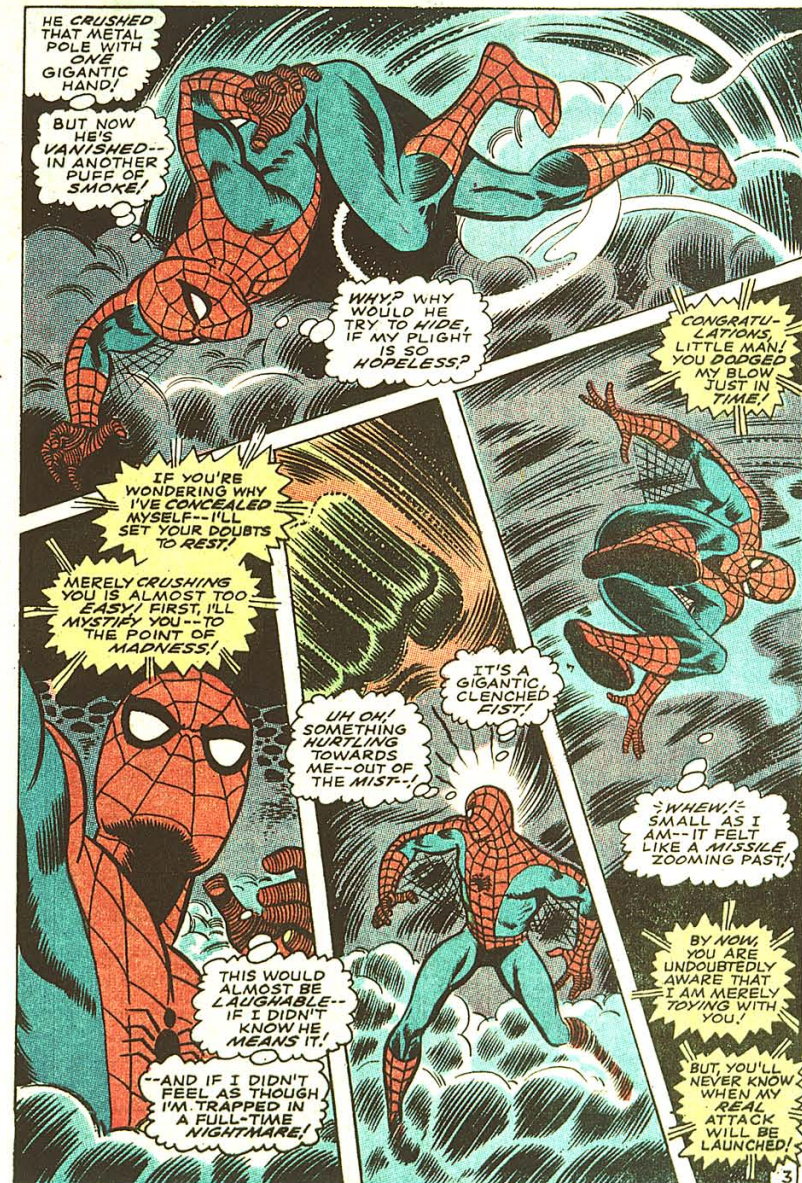


NO
MATTER
HOW
FAST
YOU
MOVE--

WHAT CHANCE
HAS A SIX-INCH
NOBODY AGAINST
THE MYSTIC
MIGHT OF--
MYSTERIO??!

THAT'S
JUST WHAT
I'VE BEEN
WONDERING!

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HE CRUSHED
THAT METAL
POLE WITH
ONE
GIGANTIC
HAND!

BUT NOW
HE'S
VANISHED--
IN ANOTHER
PUFF OF
SMOKE!

WHY? WHY
WOULD HE
TRY TO HIDE,
IF MY PLIGHT
IS SO
HOPELESS?

IF YOU'RE
WONDERING WHY
I'VE CONCEALED
MYSELF--I'LL
SET YOUR DOUBTS
TO REST!

MERELY CRUSHING
YOU IS ALMOST TOO
EASY! FIRST, I'LL
MYSTIFY YOU--TO
THE POINT OF
MADNESS!

UH OH!
SOMETHING
HURTLING
TOWARDS
ME--OUT OF
THE MIST--!

IT'S A
GIGANTIC
CLENCHED
FIST!

SWHEW!!
SMALL AS I
AM--IT FELT
LIKE A MISSILE
ZOOMING PAST!

BY NOW,
YOU ARE
UNDOUBTEDLY
AWARE THAT
I AM MERELY
TOYING WITH
YOU!

BUT, YOU'LL
NEVER KNOW
WHEN MY
REAL
ATTACK
WILL BE
LAUNCHED!

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IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, DEAR!

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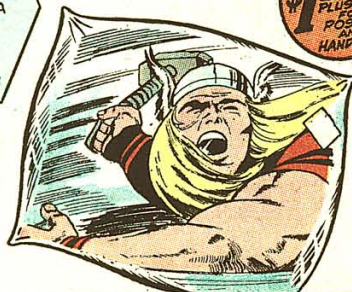
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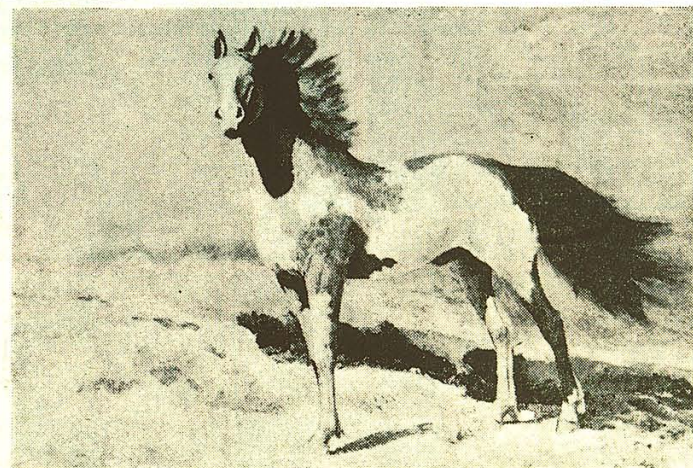
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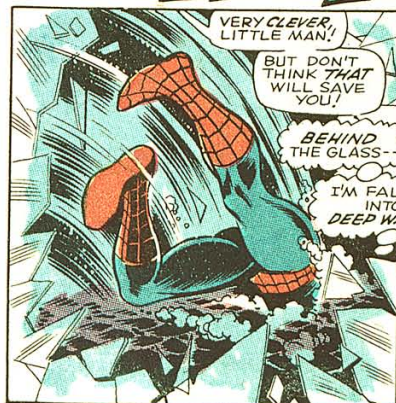
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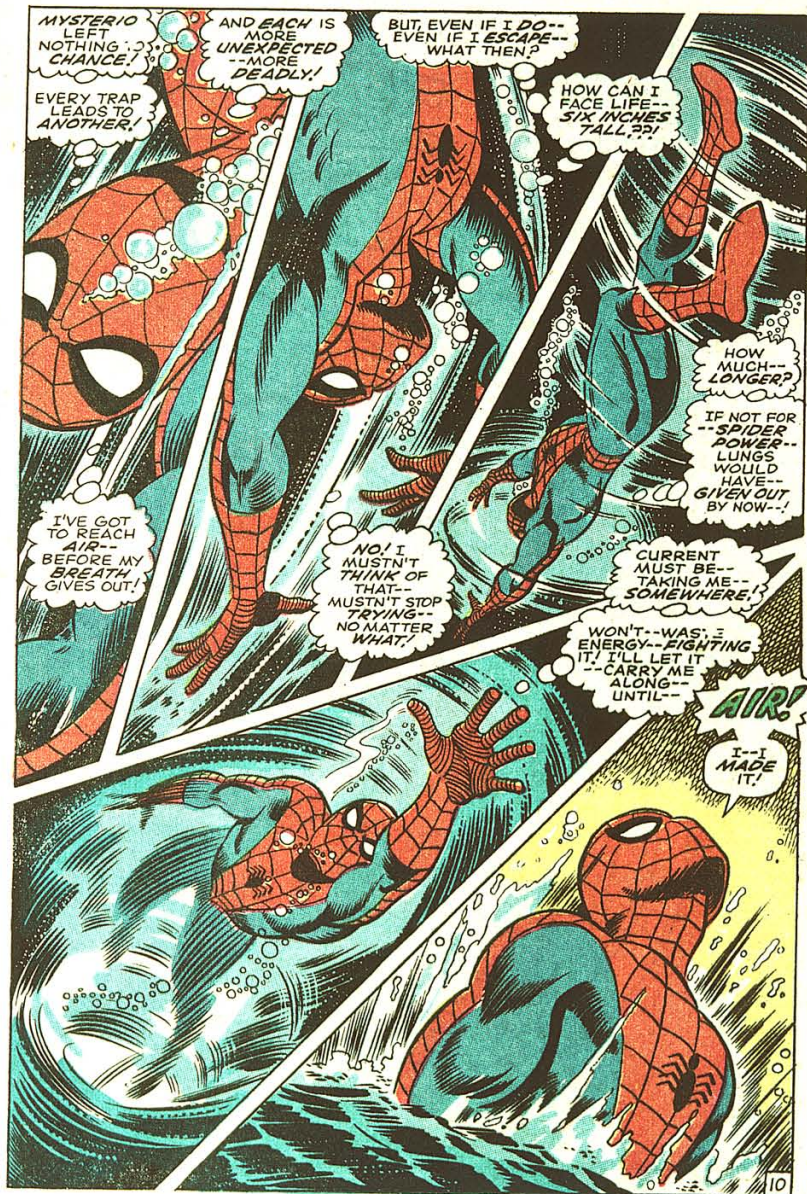


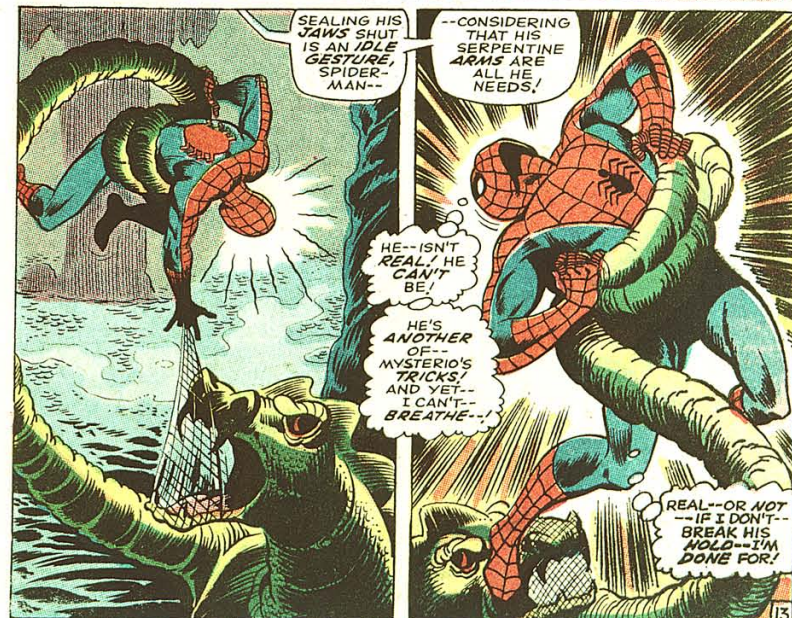
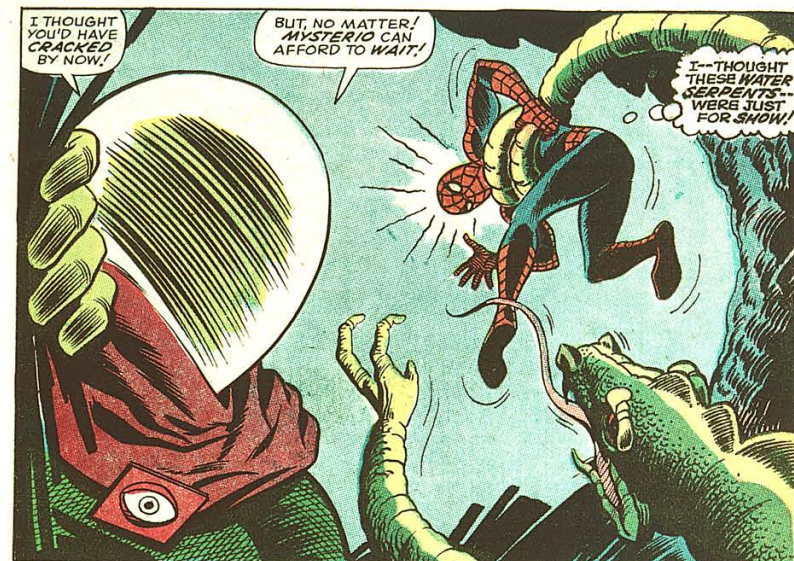
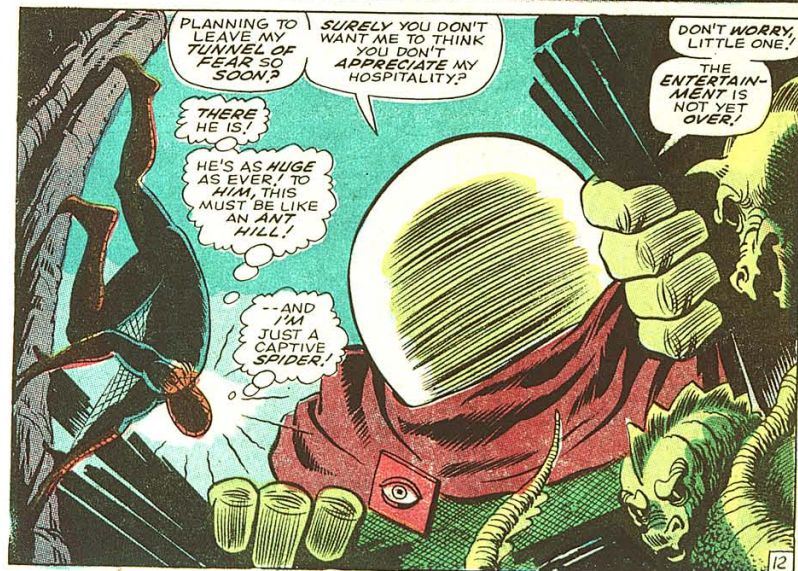
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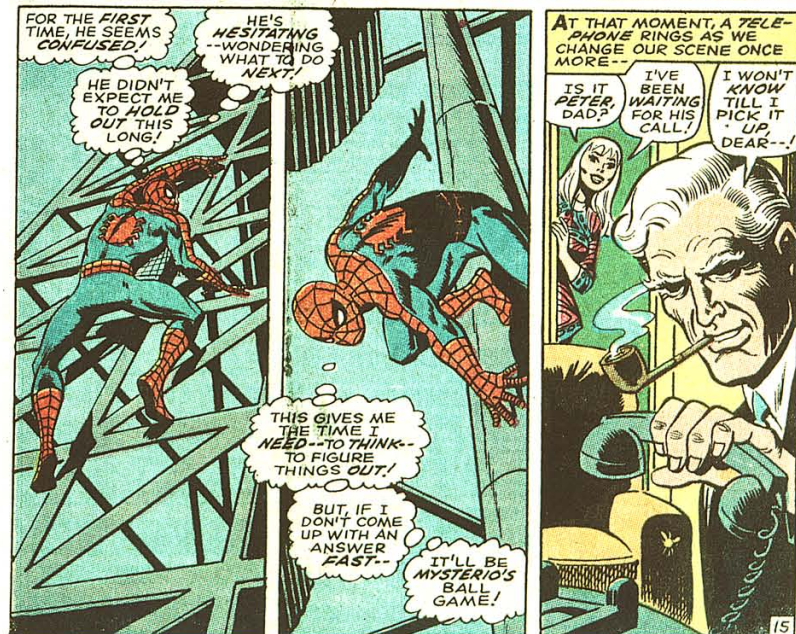
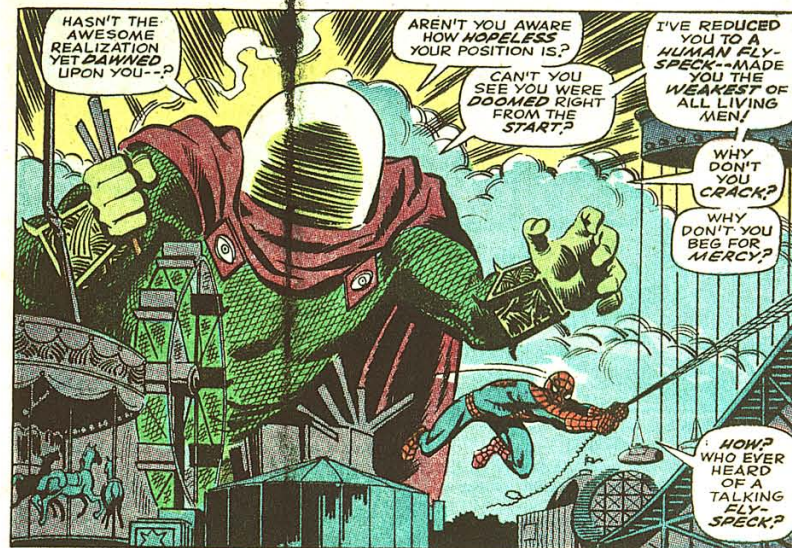
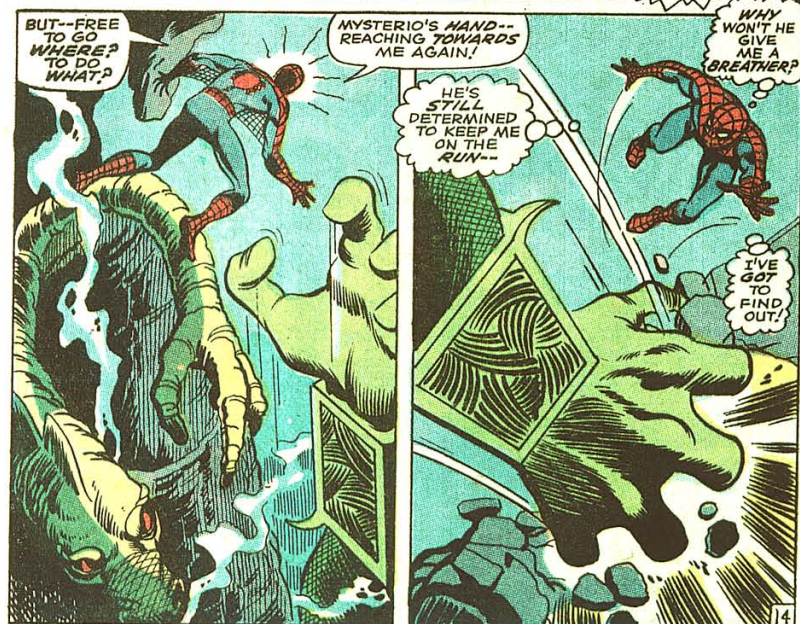
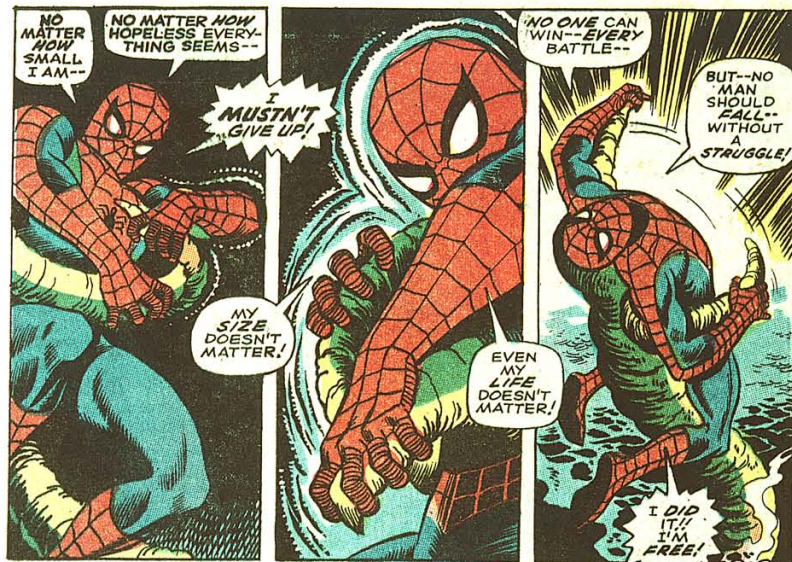
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STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM SPIDER-MAN OR MYSTERIO, EH?

NO, ROBBIE-- I HAVEN'T COME UP WITH A THEORY YET!

MY ESTIMABLE PUBLISHER IS ABOUT TO BLOW A GASKET--

DAD--GOT A MINUTE?

HI, RANDY! COME ON IN, BOY!

LET ME GET BACK TO YOU, CAPTAIN! MY SON JUST AMBLED IN!

I CAN COME BACK LATER IF YOU'RE UPTIGHT, DAD!

I'VE ALWAYS GOT TIME FOR MY OUTRAGEOUS OFFSPRING!

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, MAN-CHILD?

NOTHING MUCH! JUST THOUGHT I'D SAY HI, ON MY WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL!

SPEAKING OF SCHOOL, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU--

STILL THINK YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE-- ENROLLING AT E.S.U.?

HUH? OH-- SURE, DAD! IT'S A REAL COOL SCHOOL!

YOU SOUND LUKEWARM, SON!

LEVEL WITH ME, RANDY-- WHAT'S WRONG?

AWW, I'M NOT EVEN SURE, DAD!

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE SCHOOL--OR MY OWN NUTTY HANGUP!

I HATE TO COME RUNNING TO YOU WITH EVERY LITTLE PROBLEM!

WHY NOT? IT'S BETTER THAN WAITING TILL THEY BECOME BIG ONES!

BUT, SPEAKING OF PROBLEMS--

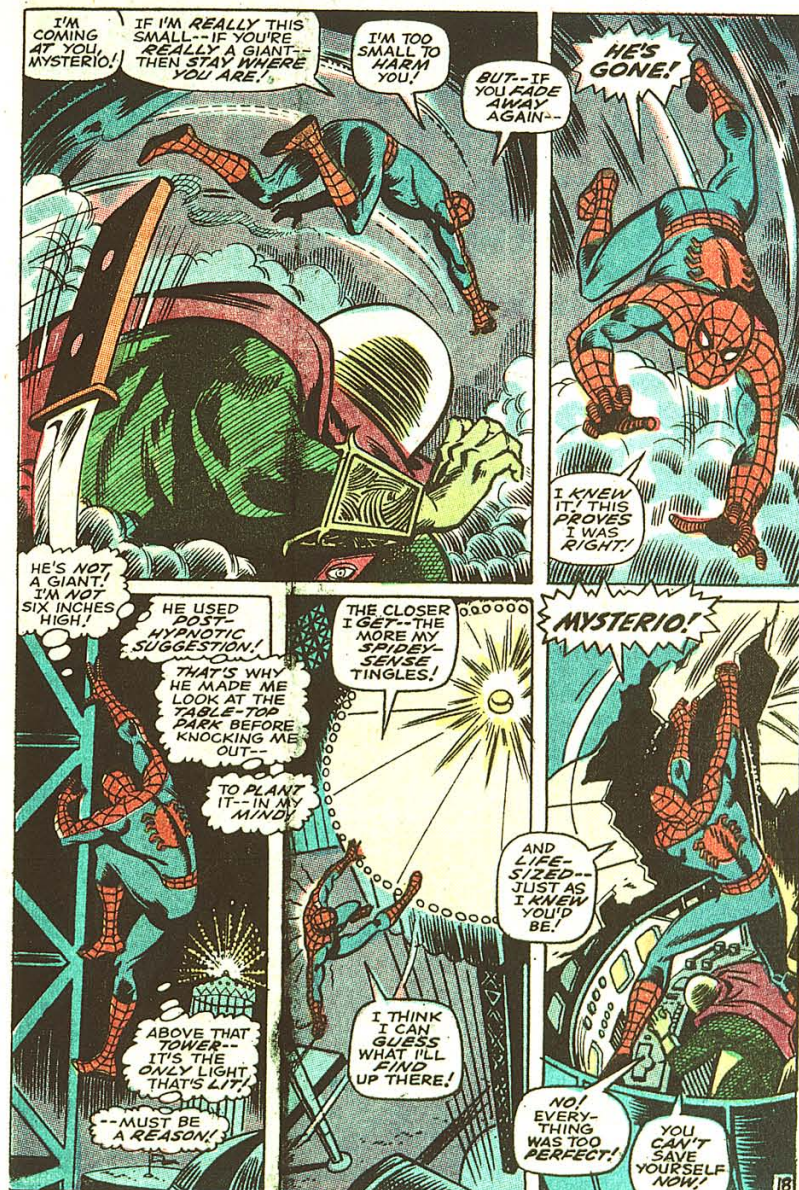
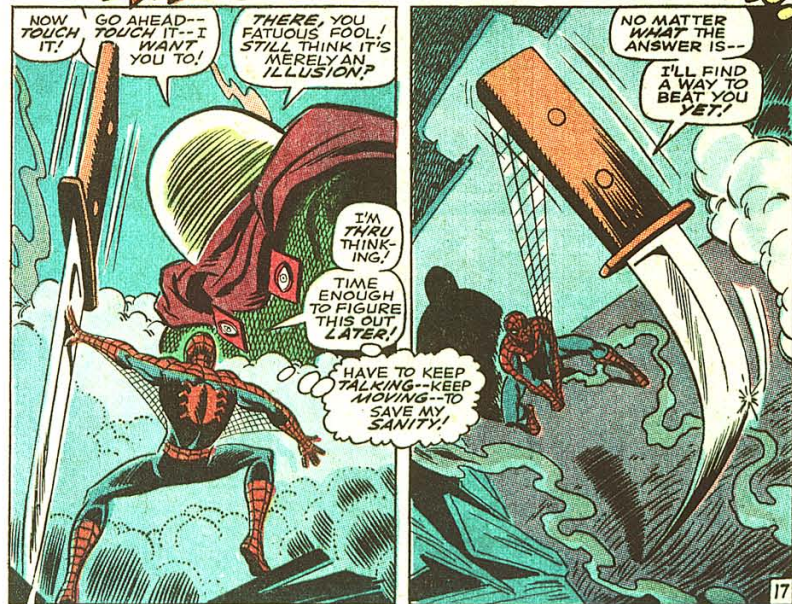
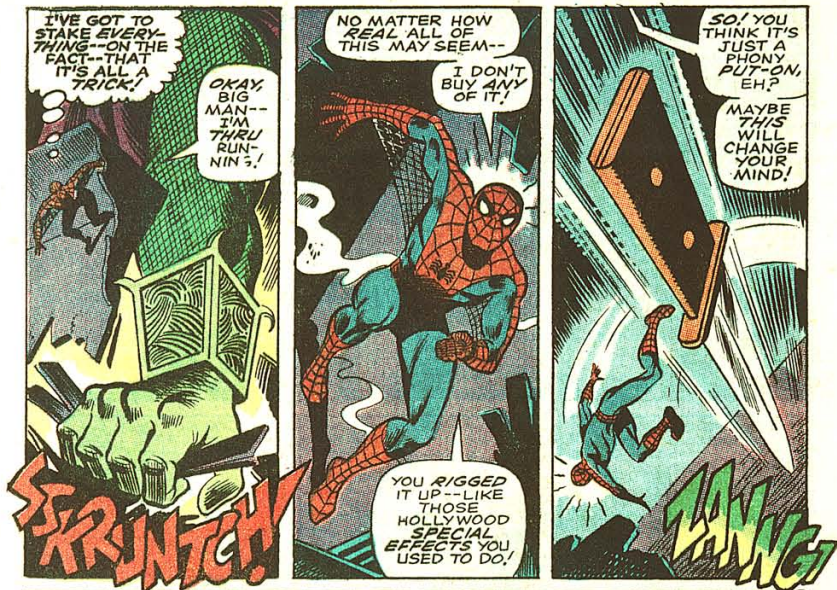
THIS IS IT! HE'S COMING AFTER ME AGAIN!

BUT I MUSTN'T PANIC, I MUST KEEP REMINDING MYSELF--IT'S JUST AN ILLUSION--

IT HAS TO BE AN ILLUSION--OR ELSE I'M AS GOOD AS DONE FOR!

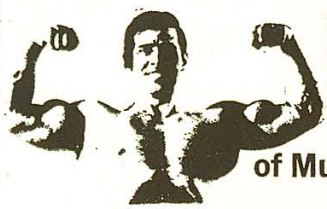
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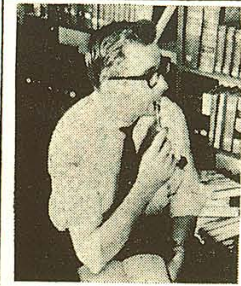
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ITEM: This we've gotta tell you! The world-famous Society for Comic Art Research and Preservation, the largest group of comic-book fans in the nation, recently completed their annual International Convention of Comic Art, at New York's famed Statler-Hilton Hotel. As the dyed-in-the-wool buffs among you know, comic fans give annual awards similar to the movie industry's Oscars, and TV's Emmys. Well, we're still reeling from the results of this year's awards — awards in which mighty Marvel captured the top spot in just about every single major category. And now, without any further ado, we proudly present the results of one of your blushtin' Bullpen's greatest triumphs — (results that are so flattering, you'd almost guess that Irving Forbush cast the only votes!)

BEST MAGS:

Best Adventure Comic (Single Character): **SPIDER-MAN**
 Best Adventure Comic (Groups): **FANTASTIC FOUR**
 Best Western Comic: (A) **GHOST RIDER**, (B) **RAWHIDE KID**, (C) **KID COLT**, **OUTLAW**

Best War Comic: **SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS**
 Best Costumed Hero Humor: **NOT BRAND ECHH!**

Best All-Print: **FANTASY MASTERPIECES** (Now Marvel SUPER-HEROES)

Best Combination New and Reprint: **MARVEL SUPER-HEROES**

Best Regular Short Feature: (A) **TALES OF ASGARD**, (B) **THE INHUMANS**

NOTE: One category in this division in which we won no award was: **Best Juvenile Humor!** In fact, since it was "Juvenile" humor, we're proud to say we didn't even receive a nomination!

BEST PROFESSIONAL WORK:

Best Editor: **STAN (The Man) LEE**
 Best Writer: Smilin' **STAN**, again! (The second consecutive year in which our leader has won both top professional awards!)
 Best Pencil Artist: **JACK (King) KIRBY**
 Best Inker: Joltin' **JOE SINNOTT**

CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL:

Best Costumed Hero: **SPIDEY**
 Best Non-Super-Powered Character: **OL' NICK FURY**
 Best Super-Powered Group: (A) **FANTASTIC FOUR**, (B) **AVENGERS**
 Best Supporting Character: (A) **J. JONAH JAMESON**, (B) **FOGGY NELSON**, (C) **JASPER SITWELL**
 Best Supporting Female: (A) **MARY JANE WATSON**, (B) **GWEN STACY**
 Best Villain: (A) **DR. DOOM** (A runaway favorite with over 50% of the total vote), (B) **RED SKULL**, (C) **YELLOW CLAW**

Well, that's it — probably the greatest landslide for any single company in any communications medium in all of history! So, to the countless members of the Society who voted, toiled, and gave selflessly of their time and efforts to make the Convention the success it was, our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation. And, to our various competitors who had to content themselves with the bulk of the also-ran awards, better luck next year. Competition such as this is healthy for everybody, and will force us all to keep on our toes so that, in the long run, it is YOU, the reader, who is the real victor — and isn't that the way it should be?

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Pax et Justitia,
 Stan.

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THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Stan and John,

Vernon West (whose letter appears in SPIDER-MAN #64) thinks Spidey has more problems than the ordinary teenager. Not surprising, since he isn't an ordinary teenager. Mr. West also thinks that teenagers with that many problems are non-existent. I have dozens more problems than Spidey. As for taking Spidey's problems away and letting him "live as a natural teenager should", who wants to read a comic about a natural teenager? Mr. West also guarantees that you'll sell twice as many mags as you are at present. Maybe so, but I wouldn't be one of the buyers. On the subject of your covers: they're superb. I don't see what Mr. Nieuwendael has against non-realistic covers; they are much nicer than realistic ones. Proof? SPIDER-MAN #50, FF nos. 72, 74, 75, SHIELD nos. 1, 3 and so on. The only really beautiful cover I've ever found that is realistic is THOR #145.

Mike Nave, 1711 Virginia
Joplin, Mo. 64801



Dear Stan and John,

In a letter printed in SPIDER-MAN #64, Herman Nieuwendael complained that your covers were "missing details." Not small unimportant details like forgetting to put the webbing under Spidey's arms, but big, very important details, like Frinastine buildings, skies, and people. You replied that the cover for issue #64 contained all three of these, with action to boot.

I hastily checked the cover to verify your statement. Yup, all there — action, sky, buildings people... but... you forgot the webbing under Spidey's arms.

But let us not quibble. I think the stories, art and covers of SPIDER-MAN are great. Johnny Romita's Vulture-eye views of New York City are about the most breath-taking in comicdom, equalling even the super-psychadelic scrawlings of Jim Steranko. Keep up the superlative work, and remember, for best results, store your webbing in a warm, moist place.

Stephen Voorhies, RFO, QNS, KOF
184 Wash. St., Wesleyan University
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Good morning, Mr. Lee,

This man is Spider-Man, currently living in an apartment in New York City with his friend, Harry Osborn, and posing as Peter Parker, science major in college. He has a terrible inferiority complex and is feared and disliked by too many people. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to remove his inferiority complex and make him well-liked by everyone. Should you or any of your I.M. (Impossible Marvel) force be unable to complete this job, I will disavow any knowledge of your actions... This letter will self-destruct as soon as you tear it up. Good luck, Stan!

Michael Russo, 2 Doane Drive
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Dear Stan and John,

Let's face it, Spidey is the best comic mag in the history of the world. You guys at the Bullpen should take that once-over title "World's Greatest Comic Magazine" from the FF and put it on the top of every cover of the Amazing SPIDER-MAN. After all, Spidey is the greatest comic magazine the world has. There is only one thing the matter with the mag, and that is the grease in Peter Parker's hair. Let him grow it like every other kid. Grease went out about 60 issues ago.

Gord Wright, 44 Bowerbank Dr.
Willowdale, Ont., Canada

Dear Stan and John,

What have you done to M. J.'s hair?!? How could you cut those luscious long locks? What are you trying to do, make half the males in the world become hermits? Since I now believe you know my views on the subject, I will decline to speak on it again. Aside from the one unspeakable fact, SPIDER-MAN #64 was very good. The art was superb, and the story excellent, but your stories are beginning to lack the realism that have made them the "Cream of Comicdom". What is Spidey's web made of anyway? From the views in panels 1 and 4 of page 17, Spidey and the Vulture were between 15 and 20 stories from the ground. Yet, when Spidey falls, a layer of webbing about one foot thick lets him down with a light SSHOOOM, and still leaves him with the strength to crunch a power pack. The only piece of realism in the whole bit was when he fainted at the end. And by the Hoary Hosts of Forbush, don't let him fall all that way just to have his mask removed. So this is a fearful RFO, TTB, and KOFER bidding thee good-bye with a hearty "bring back the Goblin!"

Matt Ohmes, Box 905
Perryton, Texas 79070

Dear Stan and John,

This letter is for or about Vernon West. This guy has got to have loose strings in his head. 1st! While speaking of Spidey, V.W. says, "He's supposed to be a normal, everyday teenager..." Huh! Man, a genius he (V.W.) ain't! How many normal, everyday teenagers do you know that can jump 3 stories high, lift a couple of tons, and spin a web? Only one! Right! Of course — Pete. 2nd! "You're gonna ruin the best comic book ever sold with all those problems." Another great observation. SPIDER-MAN is almost based on those problems. That's what makes SPIDER-MAN the greatest comic sold... The human factor!! If this part-time Marvelite wants a pinky-dinky hero that doesn't have a problem in the world, let him go full-time to Brand Echh. 3rd! "If I were Spidey, I'd..." He couldn't rate a used web cartridge because of the nervous breakdown he would have. Sheesh! 4th! "I'd rather lose and have no problems than to win and have problems up to my neck." That statement is about as much Spidey or a true Spidophile as "I need vitamins!" is the Hulk. 5th and final, thank goodness! V.W. says you would sell twice as many mags as you do now if you cut out the problems. Sure! Your sales would probably drop 75%! So leave the problems, and keep Spidey the way he is now. I guess all the above was just my way to tell you at the Bullpen the way I feel about SPIDER-MAN, the greatest comic ever sold. Everyone is entitled to his opinion, so my apologies to Vernon West. Now that all that is over with, I would like you to know that I enjoyed SPIDER-MAN #64 very much and I can hardly wait to see what happens in #65. The cover was really great. The artwork was superb, and strictly MARVELOUS, as usual, J. R. I was really glad to see Gwen find out that our boy didn't betray Mr. Stacy and her. Please let M. J.'s hair uncurl and grow out. It looks gross the way it is now. So be it! My gruesome, groovy letter comes to an end, and I say, "Let the sun shine on your pencils, and the moon shine on your erasers..." I think!"

Bobby Crais, RFO, KOF, QNS, 455 Craydon Ave.
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Dear Stan and John,

Oh, ugh! I don't know what you did in Spidey #64, but stop it! The lines of the art were plain... sort of blurred. The art used to have a real snap to it... it's gone now. And as long as I'm criticizing, you must have been crazy to cut Mary Jane's hair. It looks like a clipped porcupine. What's more, the Vulture's ruff also looks ridiculous.

And by the way, what was the nonsense Spidey thought about in No. 63, "I must never trust my secret identity with anyone else." If you ask me, Pete is underestimating the average human. His identity would be safe with Harry

Osborn... Joe Robertson... Col. John Jameson... or George Stacey. Especially George Stacey.

Note: A sentence to remember — Doc. Oak saying "It took the Nullifier to do what I alone could never do." Pity Spidey couldn't hear... or understand that... at the time. Buster Phillips, 6850 Glen Rock Houston, Texas 77017



Dear Stan and John,

Oh what have you done to one of Marvel's mightiest heroes? I just recently read an issue of The Amazing Ailing Sickly Spider-Man. In it, he fought the villainish Vulture. As usual, our whooping tough hero was handicapped by an injured something-or-other which finally got the best of him. Come on now. You're making a cream-puff out of a good super-hero. Sure, it was a good story line to have Spider-Man injured in some way or another and still be able to defeat his foe. But honestly, you're running it into the ground. Every other issue just about you've got him ailing from a cold or an injured arm, or some other ailment. One time you even gave him amnesia! Amnesia was fine, but with all these other ailments it's a wonder he's still alive! I know he's supposed to be the hero with all the worries, but making him sick all the time is crazy. Aunt May just pulled through her 9,999,999th stroke and is feeling fine. That's another worry he could do without, for a little while, anyway. Please don't spoil superb artwork and a great character by an over-used story line.

Yours till Marvel falls (which will never be).

Dennis Cockrum, 8348 N. Territorial Rd.
Plymouth, Michigan

Dear Stan,

The purpose of this letter is to comment on Peter Parker's major problem: worrying. Remember how, in most of the first twelve issues of Spider-Man, the stories would always end with one panel crowded to the hilt with thought balloons listing every worry that Parker had? I never will forget the ending of issue 46 when you-know-who began to worry why he worried so much! Since the trend in Marvel comics back at the beginning was to give the character the same initials (Peter Parker, etc.), why didn't you name Spidey Wilber Wunk, so you could say "worrying W. W.?" The ulcer-ridden panels just don't fit in Spidey's mag anymore. It was a gimmick developed by you, Stan, and S-M's first artist to give us readers a glimpse at Parker's character. But since Pete turned swifter, that gimmick is no longer needed. It just "slows down" the progression of the plot. Anyway, I'll close in the immortal words of Wicky Smellroad (in-joke for Benton comic collectors), "Waa Nellie Bozo."

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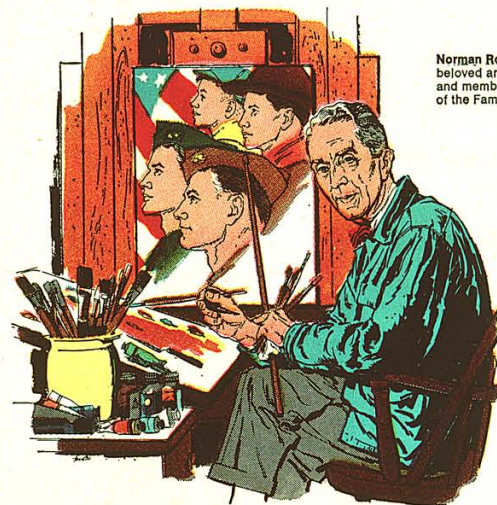
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